Circulars issued by the Director of Public Instruction.

30. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table copies of all circulars issued by the Director of Public Instruction in regard to the recent election to the legislature?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No circulars were issued by the Director of Public Instruction on the matter.

Circular issued by the Education Department.

31. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Department of Education issued a special Circular on 9-11-1119 to the various educational institutions of the State and if so, place a copy of it on the table?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

Education Department.

32. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any complaint to the effect that the Director of Public Instruction, his Personal Assistant and a number of other officers of the Education Department have interfered with the election to the Legislature and coerced or persuaded the voters to vote for any particular candidate or against any particular candidates;

(*b*) if so, whether any action was taken on that; and

(*c*) if so, what was the nature and result of the action taken?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Certain allegations have been made against some of the officers of the Education Department by the President of the State Congress. Government are satisfied that they are unfounded.

(*b*) and (*c*) These do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I have to make certain announcements. The House will have to elect three members to the University Senate, two memebers to the Standing Finance Committee, two members to the Public Accounts Committee, four members to the Public Works Advisory Committee, two members to the Transport Advisory Committee, six members to the Economic Development Board and four members to the Food Control Advisory Committee. The elections to the Senate, the Standing Finance Committee, the Public Accounts Committee, the P. W. D. Advisory Committee and the Transport Advisory Committee will take place on Tuesday, the 29th August, 1944, and the elections to the Economic Development Board and the Food Control Advisory Committee will take place on Wednesday, the 30th August. The elections shall be held as usual after the business of the day is over under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President or one of the Panel of Chairmen. The ordinary system of voting by ballot will be adopted.

Under Rule 69, the debate on the budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting on demands for grants. Two days have been allowed for the general discussion and the maximum of

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seven days has been set apart for the voting on demands for grants. The demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the List of Demands, a copy of which has already been furnished to honourable members. The demand under III Public Works including Water Works and Drainage, and X Land Revenue on Taxes on Income may each be discussed for one whole day and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed during the general discussion stage, not more than *fifteen minutes* as usual. But I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

When voting on the Demands for grants, every mover, and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed ten minutes each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretary two clear days before the day on which the demand comes up for consideration. Late motions will not be accepted. It will facilitate business if honourable members giving notice of token motions which can most conveniently be for a reduction of one rupee will also specify the purpose underlying the proposed cut and take care to see that the cut motions are confined to amounts entirely votable.

In this connection I may also invite the attention of honourable members to my predecessor's ruling regarding budget motions, given on the 30th of July 1935, reported on pages 705 to 707 of Volume VI of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly. For the information of the new members, I quote below the relevant portions of the said Ruling:—

> "The purpose of a token motion and the debate on a token motion must be strictly relevant to the purpose for which the amount sought to be reduced is demanded. If the motion relates to the total grant for a Department, the debate is allowed to range over the whole policy of the Department. If the total sought to be reduced is a sub-total, then the debate is allowed to range over only so much of the policy of the Department as may, by a rule of relevancy be apportioned to that sub-total. If, for instance, the amount sought to be reduced is only the single item of travelling allowance, the debate must be strictly confined to the travelling of the officer for whose travelling the amount is demanded. If the amount sought to be reduced is the amount of salaries for clerks, the debate must be confined to the work of the clerks. If the amount sought to be reduced is the sub-total under, say "Direction" in the Education grant the debate must be confined to the policy involved in *Direction* and no further. If, however, the amount sought to be reduced is the grand total of, say, the Education Demand, the entire educational policy, even the policy for which the Government are responsible, is within the scope of the debate."

So far, it is a question of relevancy. There is, however, another rule. Even if the purpose of the motion and the debate of the motion be relevant according to the rules of relevancy, even then the debate should not touch or range over a subject or grant which is non-votable or a subject which is beyond the purview of the Legislature.

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(Another point too may be mentioned. When the budget is under debate, the individual merits of an officer do not arise, though, as a part of the debate on policy, his work may be criticised. That there should be such and such office (if it be a votable office) may be discussed, but not who may hold that office, if there be such an office.

In regard to non-votable offices, even the question whether there should be an office or not does not directly arise though, perhaps, in a general way, it may be stated in the debate that the Dapartment is run on too expensive lines because of high offices.)

For calculating the number of hours to be allotted for the voting of demands, a day will be taken as from 12 noon to 6 P. M. One hour being available for question time, and another hour (2 to 3 P. M.) as lunch interval, the remaining four hours will be treated as one full day and two hours as half a day. If the whole of the first hour is not taken up for questions and answers, the time left over will be available for the voting of demands for grants. Such available time will not go to increase the time allotted to any particular Demand but will be available to the House and thus enable them to reach more demands.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I have received certain notices of motions for the adjournment of the House. They are :—

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) .

"I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely the serious situation caused by the prevalence of dysentery in the coastal villages of Chirayinkil and Trivandrum taluks"

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Thiruvella*) :

"I beg leave to move for the adjournment of business of the house for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the serious situation brought about in the country as the result of misuse of the powers under the Egg Control Order and the consequent loss and difficulties to which both the licencees and producers in Travancore are recently put to, with special reference to the supply of egg to Ceylon."

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :

"I beg leave to move for the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. the serious situation brought about in the country as the result of the most inequitable and irregular methods of distribution of the available quantity of kerosene oil among the people by the officers entrusted with the duty and the consequent difficulties and inconvenience to which the public are recently put to."

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI :

"I beg to move an adjournment motion to discuss an urgent matter of public importance viz , the recent arrest of some prominent members of labour organisations in the country.

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